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BOROUGH OF TENTERDEN (KENT)

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector for the Year 1971

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Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1971.

Home Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 5,880 which was a decrease of 10 from that of the previous year.

Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 62 (28 M. 34 F.) which was a decrease of 7 from that of the previous year and the corresponding crude birth-rate was 10.5 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor to allow comparison with the birth-rate of other Districts, becomes 14.4 compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

No stillbirths were registered during the year and the corresponding rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths was Nil, compared with that of 12.0 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality

One infant death was registered. The infant mortality rate was accordingly 16.0 compared with that of 18.0 for England and Wales. Causes of death were as follows:-

Intrauterine Anoxia and Atelectosis.	-	2 hrs.
Breech Delivery		

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

There were no maternal deaths, which is a reflection of the high standard of modern obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Mortality

The total number of deaths from all causes was 88 (48 M. 40 F) and the crude death rate was accordingly 15.0 which includes the deaths assigned from the West View Chronic Sick Hospital. The Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts adjusts the crude death rate and the adjustment rate was 8.9 in comparison with that of 11.6 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was from natural causes amongst the aged viz. Heart and Circulatory Disease and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System, of those there were 41.

Ischaemic Heart Disease (i.e. Coronary Thrombosis and Coronary Atheroma) was the cause of 16 of those deaths in the following age-groups:- 1 between 45 - 54; 2 between 55 - 64; 6 between 65 - 74 and 7 over 75 years. These figures follow the usual pattern that the majority of deaths from Coronary disease are amongst the aged and would suggest that a degenerative process is the most important factor.

immunisation lethal and disabling infections such as Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and recently Measles and German Measles and by treatment with specific Anti-biotics and Sulpha drugs, diseases caused by bacteria such as Acute Meningitis, the Pneumonias, Puerperal Sepsis, Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas, Typhoid, Paratyphoid Fevers and Food Poisoning etc.

Influenza, which is still epidemic in the winter months is by and large the most dangerous infection and it is still equivocal whether vaccination is preventive, unless a vaccine specific to the strain which is likely to become epidemic is prepared in time before the epidemic occurs. Fortunately, there was no outbreak of Influenza during the winter months.

All virus infections per se do not respond to treatment by Anti-biotics or Sulpha drugs, but fortunately serious complications caused by bacteria usually respond successfully to treatment.

Vaccination against the virus of Measles has recently been introduced, and it is expected that the biennial outbreaks which occur will be eventually controlled. Vaccination is available at the Child Welfare Clinics and from the Family Doctor.

Vaccination against German Measles has also been recently introduced for girls aged about 11 - 14 years which would prevent congenital malformations amongst babies whose mothers might suffer from this infection during the early months of pregnancy.

Vaccination against Smallpox was discontinued at Child Welfare Centres on the 30th July, 1971 as the Department of Health and Social Security consider mass vaccination of the child population to be unnecessary.

Tuberculosis

There were no new cases of Pulmonary or Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis and there were no deaths.

This disease, which in past medical history has been a scourge of man and was known as the 'White Plague' is in these days almost completely under control, by prevention (including the elimination of housing overcrowding and a higher standard of living), and by treatment. Since 1950, the number of cases amongst adolescents amongst whom it was most common, has gradually decreased to a minimum. Protection of school children by B.C.G. vaccination, which is offered to those aged 13 years and over, has been an important factor.

Food Poisoning

Cases or suspected cases of Food Poisoning are still required to be notified. There was one sporadic case - a child 2 years of age - notified as having Salmonella Typhimurium. This fact is an excellent tribute to the invaluable routine preventive work in Food Hygiene carried through by the Public Health Inspectorate.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support of and interest in the Department and also the Staff for their very efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION A

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT
FOR 1971

Area:- 8,946 acres.

Registrar-General's Estimated of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	...	5,880
<u>Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books</u>					2,321
<u>Rateable Value</u>	£240,693
<u>Sum Represented by a Penny Rate</u>		£2,250

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SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Tenterden Borough is a corporate member of the Cinque Ports as a limb of the Ancient Town of Rye, and as such has retained its identity, its historical and characteristic charm.

The Borough is largely a residential district, being surrounded by wide rural areas affords a convenient and good shopping centre. Its chief business interests are associated with those of agriculture, as being the main industry.



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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

					<u>Tenterden</u> <u>Borough</u>	<u>England</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>			
1. <u>Live Births</u>	62	28	34	Birth Rate	10.5	16.0
(a) Legitimate	57	26	31	per 1,000	(Adjusted	
(b) Illegitimate	5	2	3	estimated	Rate)	
				population	14.4	
2. <u>Stillbirths</u>	-	-	-	Rate per	-	12.0
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-	1,000 (live		
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	and still)		
				births		
3. <u>Total live and</u> <u>stillbirths</u>	62	28	34			
4. <u>Deaths</u>	88	48	40	Death Rate	15.0	11.6
				per 1,000	(Adjusted	
				resident	Rate)	
				population	8.9	
5. <u>Deaths from</u> <u>Pregnancy, Child-</u> <u>birth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per	-	-
				1,000 live		
				births		
6. <u>Deaths of Infants</u> <u>Under One Year</u> <u>of Age</u>	1	1	-	Rate per	16.0	18.0
				1,000 live		
(a) Legitimate	1	1	-	births		
				Rate per	18.0	17.0
				1,000 live		
				births		
				(legitimate)		
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per	-	24.0
				1,000 live		
				births		
				(illegitimate)		
7. <u>Perinatal Mortality</u> (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under 1 week of age)	1	1	-	Rate per	16.0	22.0
				1,000 total		
				births		
(a) Legitimate	1	1	-			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
8. <u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>					8%	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TENTERDEN BOROUGH

DURING 1971

<u>ALL CAUSES</u>	<u>Males</u> 48	<u>Females</u> 40
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1
Leukaemia	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	2
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11	5
Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	11
Cerebrovascular Disease	5	2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	3
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	5
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	2	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	-
All Other Accidents	1	-
All Other External Causes	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1971.

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Total Cases on Register</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	15	3	2
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
15 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
25 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
35 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
45 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
55 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
65 & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	15	3	2

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows figures for 1971 based on the return sent to the Department of Health & Social Security.

Year of Birth	Primary							Re-Inforcing					
	Triple Antigen	Diph./ Tet.	Smallpox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-myelitis	Rubella	Triple Antigen	Diph./ Tet.	Smallpox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-myelitis
1971	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1970	43	-	10	-	2	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	24	-	25	-	10	30	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1968	3	-	3	-	10	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1967	1	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	6	-	-	-	9
1964 - 65	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	8
1966	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	71	-	-	-	78
1955 - 63	-	-	-	6	1	-	54	-	2	6	6	-	-
Total	71	-	45	6	33	100	54	2	84	6	6	-	95

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics were discontinued as from 30th July, 1971.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

The following table shows the number of X-ray films taken and results obtained during the regular visits (1st and 3rd Thursday in each month) at Tenterden Recreation Ground Car Park from 1st January - 31st December, 1971 and West View Hospital on the 16th April, 1971.

CENTRE - Recreation Ground Car Park	FILMS TAKEN			ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			INACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			CANCER OF LUNGS		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
G.P. Cases	50	49	99	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
General Public	176	228	404	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
B.C.G.	6	14	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	232	291	523	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	3
<u>West View Hospital</u>	37	44	81	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	-

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Year Ending 31st December 1971.

Treatment Centre - Ashford Hospital.

Local Health Authority area of residence of patient	Number of new cases in the year				
	Totals all Conditions	Syphilis		Gonorrhoea	Other Genital Infections
		Primary & Secondary	Other		
TENTERDEN BOROUGH	3	-	-	-	1
					2

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year:-

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>
Statutory supply undertakings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and as far as known none of the supplies are plumbo-solvent.

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies ... 6 estimated
- (ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 2,321

Satisfactory reports were received from Mid Kent Water Company. Discolouration complaints ceased.

(C) SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A new outfall sewer contract commenced - approximately 2 miles laid during 1971.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (a) The number of food premises in the area ... 55
- (b) The number of food premises registered under Sec. 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 ... 29
- (i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 8
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 8
- (c) The number of inspections of registered food premises Not Available
- (d) The method of disposal of condemned food - Refuse tip under supervision

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	7
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	5
Catering Establishments and Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fish (including fried)	...	...	...	...	...	4

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 (continued)

Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	...	...					1
All other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...		27

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food & Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955) Not Available

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served .. 7

Inspection of Food and Food-Preparing Premises

(A) Brief particulars of any action taken, including inspections of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-

Inspections carried out were at a reduced level.

(B) Observations on manufacture and sale of ice cream in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947 - 1959.

No ice cream is manufactured within the boundaries of the Borough and no problems arose from the sale of ice cream.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained.

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Grades</u>			
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Sold loose	Nil	-	-	-	-
Wrapped or Part Wrapped	Nil	-	-	-	-

Milk and Dairies

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part 111)

No. of registered distributors 15

No. of registered dairies 2

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

Amount surrendered small. Failures due to damaged cans, refrigerator breakdowns and transport delay (fish).

Total weight condemned - 6 - 8 cwt. approx.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses Elsewhere

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED	IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS declared under Sec. 42 of Hsg. Act 1957	Unfit for human habitation	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-
				-

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED	IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS declared under Section 42 of the Hsg. Act 1957	Included by reason of bad arrangement	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-	
		On land acquired under Sec. 43(2) Housing Act 1957	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-	
					-
	NOT IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or 17(1) Housing Act 1957	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	3	
				3	
		Local authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-	
				-	
		Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-	
				-	
		Houses included in unfitness orders made under para. 2 of the Second Schedule to the Land Compensation Act 1961	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-	
				-	
		Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings	Reported as closed up to 31st Dec. 1964	-	
			Reported as closed since 31st Dec.64	-	
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED in pur- suance of closing orders or under- takings	Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Sec. 26 Hsg. Act 1961	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	2		
			-		
	Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Hsg. Act, 1957	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-		
			-		
	PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLOSED under Section 18 Housing Act 1957	Number of dwellings	-		
C. Number of PERSONS DIS- PLACED	From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas		-		
	From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas		-		
	From houses to be closed		-		
	From parts of buildings to be closed		-		
D. Number of FAMILIES DIS- PLACED	From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas		-		
	From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas		-		
	From houses to be closed		-		
	From parts of buildings to be closed		-		

E. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT	After informal action by local authority		by owner	12
	After formal notice under Sec. 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957		(a) by owner	-
			(b) by local authority	-
	After formal notice under Public Health Acts			-
	Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24 Housing Act, 1961			-
	Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957			-
Previously included in a closing order which has been or will be determined under Section 27 Housing Act 1957.				4
F. HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED (Other than unfit houses made fit) after formal notice under Public Health Acts				-
G. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act 1957)	Retained for temporary accommo- dation	Under Section 48	Number of houses	-
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-
		Under Section 17(2)	Number of houses	-
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-
		Under Section 46	Number of houses	-
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-
Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 or 53 - No. of houses			-	
H. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREE- MENT	Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed order or compulsory purchase orders		Number of houses	-
			Number of occupants	-

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS

Below are brief details of the number of schemes submitted and the number approved for works of improvement or conversion, including total costs, the grants made and the number of houses concerned.

Improvement Grant - Standard	-	£1,160.39
Improvement Grants- Discretionary	-	£20,605.40

INSPECTIONS

Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	...	...	...	19
Number of dwellings made fit	...	...	...	16
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17				
Housing Act (Demolition and Closing Orders)	...	...		22

INSPECTIONS (Continued)

Number of inspections of clearance areas	-
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment..	33

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	68
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	11

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re. Certificates of Disrepair	7
Number of inspections re. Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	3

Housing (General)

Number of inspections re. housing applications ...	4
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds	5
Aged and Inform Persons	-
Vermin	11
Dirty houses	-
Offensive accumulations	2
Offensive odours	6
Nuisance from keeping of animals	1

NOTICES SERVED

Informal Formal

Public Health Acts	3	-
Housing Acts	7	-

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney stacks	4
Roof	4
Gutters and fall pipes	5
Brickwork, pointing and rendering	2
Windows (including cords)	-
Doors	-
Decorations	-
Outbuildings	-
Yard Surfacing	3

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings)	23
Doors and cupboards	4
Fireplaces and Stoves	1
Staircases	2

(b) Internal (continued)

Floors (including under floor ventilation) ...	6
Miscellaneous repairs	17
ii. <u>Dampness to dwellings</u>	
Walls	3
Floors	3
iii. <u>Foodstore to dwellings</u>	
Made satisfactory	-
Provided	-
iv. <u>Water Supply to Dwellings</u>	
Well supplies made adequate and safe	-
Wells discontinued and main water provided ...	-
Service piping renewed	-
Sinks renewed	-
Drainers renewed or provided	-
v. <u>Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings</u> (including compartments)	
Repaired	-
New Provided	-
Conversions to W.C.s from pail closets	-
vi. <u>Ventilation of dwellings</u>	
Improved	-
vii. <u>Drainage - general</u>	
Drains renewed or repaired	4
Drains cleared	25
viii. <u>Natural lighting of dwellings</u>	
Improved	-
xi. <u>Stability of Buildings Remedied</u>	1
x. Dustbins Renewed	4

HOUSING

1. No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31st Dec.	- 144
2. No. of Council houses built during the year - O.P flatlets	- 34
3. No. of Private houses built during the year	- 39

SUPERVISION OF HOP-PICKERS CAMPS

Number of Camps usually occupied - None

HOLIDAY CAMPS

There are no Holiday Camps in the area.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The Council does not operate a cesspool emptying service. Owners and occupiers of premises with cesspools arrange emptyings with a contractor.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats)	2,321
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	1,998
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	323
Number of houses connected to cesspools	323
Number of houses with pail closets	-

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Weekly 'back door' collection service operated.

SALVAGE

Paper salvage collection has now resumed.

DISINFECTION

One disinfection was carried out during the year.

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

	<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Fleas</u>	<u>Cockroaches</u>
Council houses	-	-	-
Other houses	-	-	-

Comments

Main service provided is clearance of wasps nests from domestic premises.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises (1)	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	23	5	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	24	5	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII of the Act - Outwork - Section 110 and 111

There are no Outworkers employed in the Borough.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & FOOD

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	<u>NON-AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS		
i. Number of properties in district	2,196	125
ii. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	94	1
(b) Number infested by i. Rats	69	1
ii. Mice	25	-
iii. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	-	-
(b) Number infested by i. Rats	-	-
ii. Mice	-	-